GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1770
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CONSTRUCTION OF KOTTAYAM-ERUMELI-PUNALUR RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Preliminary survey for construction of Kottayam-Erumeli-Punalur rail line has been completed;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the said line is likely to be constructed alongwith the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the survey report of 1995, the cost of construction of this 137.15 km long line was assessed as Rs. 583 cr. with a negative rate of return.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The work of new line from Kottayam to Erumeli was included in supplementary budget 1997-98 with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances, the action for which has already been initiated. The anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 200 crores. The completion of this line would depend on availability of resources in the coming years.